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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Martina BOEHM

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING THE VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR-  
CLEAVING PROTEASE ACTIVITY OF ADAMTS-13

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified PCT patent application as follows to bring it into conformance with United States national stage filing requirements:

**Amendments to the Specification** are provided beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 14 of this paper.